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PATENT

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Applicants:	Robert M. Lund; Christopher D. Koch; Milton J. Johnson; Joel K. Lagerquist; Daniel R. Oelke; Jeffrey T. Kays; Joseph J. Knudsen; Steven J. Talus	Confirmation No.	3347
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Docket No.:	1034-017US01		
Title:	<u>SYSTEM FOR CORRELATING A SUBSCRIBER UNIT WITH A PARTICULAR SUBSCRIBER IN A PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK</u>		

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Examiner Barry Taylor, his supervisor Duc Nguyen, and Applicants' representatives, Steven J. Shumaker (Reg. No. 36,275) and Daniel T. Lund (Reg. No. 58,614), were involved in a personal interview on July 10, 2007. Also in attendance for the interview were Christopher Koch, one of the inventors, and David Cleary, Ph.D., Vice President of Technology, for the assignee, Calix Networks.

In the Interview, the Mulcahy et al. (US 6,002,746) reference, which had been applied in the previous office action was discussed, as was the Vitale et al. (2004/0254757) reference, which was first presented to Applicants' representatives during the interview itself along with a new Office Action.

Applicants' representatives reiterated the position that Mulcahy et al. describes a point-to-point network in which the physical location of each endpoint is knowable in advance of the

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installation of a subscriber unit, and can be maintained in a routing table. Applicant's representatives again pointed out that, because Mulcahy et al. concerns terminal equipment that is already associated with a calling line identity, e.g., a telephone number, there is no need for correlation between the location of a subscriber and a subscriber unit identifier as claimed.

Applicants' representatives further explained that because the claimed subject matter is directed to techniques for providing a correlation between a subscriber unit and the location of the subscriber unit, references that merely illustrate that such a correlation exists, but do not explain how the correlation was created, have limited relevance regarding the patentability of the present invention.

Because Applicants' representatives did not have an opportunity to review the Vitale et al. reference prior to the interview, limited discussion was had with respect to the Vitale et al. reference.

No agreement was reached with respect to Mulcahy et al., Vitale et al. or the claims. Applicant agreed to review the Office Action and provide a written response.

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